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My dear Mr Gray

Your very friendly letter which reached me yesterday is a great pleasure to me. Now that my botanical career has come to an end I am very glad to see that there are still a few old friends who do not forget me - I wish indeed it were possible for me to come over to see you and Mr Gray and your surroundings, I always had a great desire to cross the Atlantic and was once very near doing so but family ties have always kept me at home till old age has stepped in and put on me to all projects of distant travel

and now even a visit to the country in
England is beyond my powers I still now
and then drive down for a few hours to
Kew but do nothing there any more than
at home

The Hookers seem very flourishing
and are always exceedingly kind and friendly
to me - his speech on Monday on receiving
the Geographical medal seems to have been
exceedingly well received He is a little overworked
as usual but appears to be in excellent
health

Judge Lindley (my old friend Wm) tells
me that Lord Coleridge who is going over to
North America is very desirous of an
introduction to F Gray I unfortunately am

not personally acquainted with Lord C. but
a man of his reputation both publicly and
privately has I think no need of a personal
introduction - though I suppose he will
have provided himself with one

You refer to Herefordshire and
Pontrilas - your kind visit there will always
remain one of the most pleasing recollections
of our sojourn in the west - Whether we
now ever meet again or not I shall ever
remain so long as I live

Yours sincerely attached

George Bentham